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Governor signs homestead exemption law for Glynn County senior citizens



ATLANTA- Governor Sonny Perdue recently signed legislation to provide tax relief for senior citizens in Glynn County. Senate Bill (SB) 468, authored by state Senator Jeff Chapman (R-Brunswick), calls for a vote by the citizens of Glynn County to allow residents of the Glynn County School District who are over the age of 65 to be granted a homestead exemption from all school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of that homestead.

"This bill will provide much needed relief for Glynn County senior citizens," said Sen. Chapman. "It will specifically cater to our low income seniors who are struggling financially due to the increase in the cost of living. I would like to thank Governor Perdue for helping me bring this relief to the citizens of Glynn County."

The exemption will only be granted if the sum of the resident's income and the income of the spouse who reside in the homestead together, does not exceed \$40,000 for the previous year. A person will not receive this homestead exemption unless the person files an application with the tax commissioner. The exemption will be automatically renewed from year to year as long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead and will be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption to notify the tax commissioner of Glynn County in the event they become ineligible for the exemption.

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